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Loyalty Crusade and Visitation

Congregational churches and ministers should take very seriously the Church Loyalty Crusade soon to open, which will culminate in the National Christian Mission. Arrangements in this region are in the hands of a special committee, with our own Lawton D. Harris as secretary.

First of all, in the week beginning September 16, there will be a series of conferences with Guy Black, noted director of campaigns of personal evangelism. On Monday morning, he meets with the clergy of the Bay area at 10:30 in the First Christian Church, Oakland, and the same evening at the same place he holds his first training conference with pastors and lay leaders. Other meetings will follow, including additional training conferences and sessions for men and women.

On Sunday, September 29, all pastors are invited to preach on "Church Loyalty." The same afternoon, and continuing for two days, teams of workers should call upon all church members.

October 6 has been designated "World Communion Sunday," when in churches not only throughout America, but all around the world, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed—a great band of prayer and consecration encircling the globe.

October 13 is designated as "Guest Sunday," when unchurched friends are invited. October 20 is "Family Sunday," and October 27, "Youth Sunday."

During the weeks and months following, preparation will be made for home visitation evangelism, which will be actively directed by Guy Black during the week of March 23 to 30.

The National Christian Mission, with thirty great speakers including E. Stanley Jones, Mark Dawber, Harry Munro, Georgia Harkness, Jesse Bader, and others, will be held from March 9 to 16, 1941.

NEW Y. P. OFFICERS

The following officers, chosen at Zephyr Point, will serve the Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California for the coming year:

President: Ted Nichols of First Congregational Church, Oakland.
1st Vice Pres.: Marjorie Pape of Fairfax Community Church.
2nd Vice Pres.: Elizabeth Gill of North Congregational Church, Berkeley.
Commissioners: Lucille Johnson of Berkeley First Church for East Bay;
Betty Jane Kane of San Mateo for West Bay;
Byron Harvey of Pittsburg for the Upper Bay;
Larry Crase of Sacramento for the Central Area;
Redwood Empire has not yet named its representative.

Two Northern California pastors have suggested to the editor of the Pacific that all ministers should cooperate by forwarding the names of members who have removed to pastors in the communities to which removals have been made. This is a subject which has been urged again and again by the Conference office and the Commission on Evangelism. By careful attention to this matter much of the loss occasioned by revision of rolls could be avoided.

NOTABLE RETREATS FOR LAYMEN

Five notable Retreats for Laymen will be held this autumn under the auspices of the Laymen's Commission of the Conference. As in previous years, each Retreat will open on Saturday afternoon promptly at 3 o'clock. The men will have dinner together Saturday evening, and continue in session until bedtime. After breakfast on Sunday morning there will be a final session, closing with dinner at one o'clock Sunday noon.

Teams of leaders have been arranged. There will be four different laymen who will serve as team members and who will preside over the sessions,—Harold T. Avery, engineer of the Marchant Calculating Company, member of Plymouth Church of Oakland; George B. Martin, instructor at Berkeley High School, member of North Church of Berkeley; Robert E. Stone, Professor of Law, University of California, member of First Congregational Church of Oakland; George S. Martin of the Army & Navy Y. M. C. A., member of North Church, Berkeley.

The Laymen's Commission was exceedingly fortunate in enlisting Professor Arthur E. Holt to be a team member for all five Retreats. For the autumn quarter he is Visiting Professor of Social Ethics at Pacific School of Religion, coming on a leave of absence from the Chicago Theological Seminary. He is a distinguished author, preacher and administrator, but knows the business problems which laymen have to face as do few men in our fellowship.

This year the Laymen's Commission decided to have a pastor at each Retreat, and three of our ablest men have consented to serve: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of the City Temple, San Francisco; Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of First Church, Oakland; and Rev. Thomas T. Giffen of Petaluma. Either Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman or Superintendent Harley H. Gill will be the fourth member of the team.

The dates, places, and team members for the five retreats are as follows:

October 12 and 13: Lokoya Lodge 12 miles northwest of Napa. For churches of Marin and Sonoma Counties, and also Benicia and Suisun. Team members: Avery, Holt, Pierce and Sherman.

October 26 and 27: Hotel Marysville, Marysville, Calif. For churches of the Sacramento Valley Association and Rio Vista. Team members: George B. Martin, Holt, Pierce and, Gill.

November 2 and 3: Saratoga Inn, Saratoga, Calif. For churches of San Francisco and Santa Clara Association. Team members: Stone, Holt, Giffen, and Sherman.

November 9 and 10: Byron Hot Springs, near Byron, Calif. For churches of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Calaveras Counties. Team members: Stone, Holt, Pierce, and Gill.

November 16 and 17: Hotel Tulare, Tulare, Calif. For churches of the San Joaquin Association and the German churches in and near Fresno. Team members: George S. Martin, Holt, Reidenbach, and Sherman.

The rate for the three meals and lodging will be $4.00 per person, with exception of the Tulare Retreat where a slightly more favorable rate has been obtained.

Key men and pastors of local churches are urged to take steps at once to select the strongest possible group of representatives from the local church,—men who are in positions of leadership such as trustees, treasurers, Sunday school superintendents are especially desired, and also young men who should soon be elevated to positions of responsibility.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCES

Northern California summer conferences for youth were at a high mark this year. Not only was the attendance above average, but the courses, faculty, and morale were of an exceptional quality. The courses were selected by the various directors and committees, with deep concern for the needs of young people, and faculty members were chosen with understanding of the needs of high school and college age delegates.

The response of the young people to the subjects presented and to the personalities of the faculty members was manifested by eager interest and discriminating questions. The quality of the morale was indicated by close cooperative helpfulness in sustaining the standards agreed to before registration. The fine fellowship of faculty advisor and delegate in personal conferences after class periods added to the strength of the program.

India was presented by two representatives, one a native of Ceylon, Miss Ariam Paramasamy of the Uduvil Girls' School, The other was Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, principal of the Boys' School at Pasumalai. Young people who might shy at missions and missionary meetings were eager to hear and identify themselves with these two people and their messages. Missionary endeavor in Japan was also interestingly presented by Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, former President of of Doshisha University, to the young people of Loma Mar No. 2 (high school age), and to the young adults at Loma Mar No. 3.

Tom Keehn, national Pilgrim Fellowship Secretary, assisted at Zephyr Point and Lokoya. Probably not less than 50 of our pastors and wives, and lay people, assisted at one or more of these conferences. Many of the young people gave valuable service.

Personal problems were discussed, as were various phases of the Bible, the Church, and methods of young people's work. Though courses and standards were high, many of the delegates aspired to and attained these new heights.

"All work and no play" was not a serious maxim of the conferences, since swimming, boating, ball games, ping pong, folk dancing, horseback riding, hobbies, etc., were included in afternoon recreations.

The National Pilgrim Fellowship Council, with 200 especially selected delegates meeting at Mills College, was intensely interesting and thought-provoking. Not many speeches were made, but most of the considerations were in the form of discussion groups or commissions. The following subjects were critically analyzed day by day: Social Action, Missionary Action, Interdenominational Action, Personal Action, Christian Faith with Junior High School Age, with Older Youth, and with Student Life.

Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship youth who attended any of these conferences were well rewarded, and will be ready to respond to need and activities in their local churches.

Conference In Annual Session

The annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, as previously announced, consisted very largely of business sessions. It was held at the North Congregational Church of Berkeley, on the afternoon and evening of August 12 and the morning of August 13. The pastor of the church, who was Moderator of the Conference, Rev. P. Pierson Parker, presided. Rev. Robert Bentley and Mr. Wm. Meyer acted as scribes. Reports from the various officers, committees, and departments were presented in mimeographed form, and are available for all pastors of the Conference and delegates who attended the meeting, and others interested.

Rev. Stephen Peabody of San Jose delivered the Conference sermon, using as his theme: "Called to Be Heroes." Rev. Miles B. Fisher conducted a memorial service for the following ministers whose death had occurred since the last meeting of the Conference: Rev. F. Vernon Jones, Rev. Garabed Manavian, Rev. Charles D. Milliken, Rev. Henry P. Reiter, Rev. Richard R. Shoemaker, Rev. Eugene Warren Stoddard, Rev. Clayton M. Streeter, Rev. B. C. H. Washburn, Rev. Stephen R. Wood, and Rev. Vahan H. Yessayan.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Moderator: Mr. C. T. Tinker.
Assistant Moderator: Mrs. A.V. Dunn.
Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Preacher: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.
Alternate Preacher: Rev. George E. Atkinson.

Representatives to California Temperance Federation: Rev. Gail Cleland and Mr. George S. Martin.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. W. R. Steininger. Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Rev. H. J. Loken.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Committee on Ministerial Standing (Class of 1943): Rev. A. L. Rice, Rev. James Muilenburg, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach and Rev. Pierson Parker.

(The holdover members of this committee are: (1941) Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Willard B. Thorp, Rev. Benjamin Gould; (1942) Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. J. H. Bennett.)

Board of Directors (Class of 1943): Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. A. R. Boone, Mr. George Moore, Jr., Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. A. L. Rice, and Rev. Paul Kalmbach. (Holdover members of the Board are: (1941) Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Rev. Charles E. Ward, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Mrs. A. V. Dunn; (1942) Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. S. C. Peabody, Rev. V. V. Loper, Rev. F. R. Morrow, Major A. J. Watson, Mrs. Godfrey Matthews, and Rev. John H. Gregg.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, the following officers were elected:

President: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham
Vice Pres.: Rev. Fred R. Morrow
Secretary: Rev. Harley H. Gill
Treasurer: Rev. W. Wallace Furze
Assistant Treas.: Mr. C. S. Morse
Executive Committee: Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Rev. Charles E. Ward, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. V. V. Loper, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. E. V. Krick.

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COUNCIL STATISTICS

Many inquiries have been made concerning the statistics of attendance at the General Council. THE PACIFIC is happy to offer the following facts and figures:

There were actually in attendance at the General Council, for full time or part time, 2032 people who paid registration fees.

Of these 2032 there were 811 voting members, 80 honorary members, and 1141 associates.

Of these same 2032 delegates there were 379 laymen, 630 ministers, and 1023 women.

Of the 2032 delegates, 1144 came from outside of the area of the Northern California Congregational Conference, and 888 were our own Northern California people. However, a total of 1405 northern California people paid full time or part time registration, which means that there were 517 people who paid but did not come, or at least did not come to the desk and claim their receipt and badge.

The total contributions from our churches for General Council expense fund amounted to $2,796.26. This was nearly $700 over and above the original budget and shows the magnificent loyalty and cooperation of our people. This excess of receipts over budget came about because there was more widespread interest and willingness to contribute than the committee that fixed quotas had expected. At the time of preparing these figures, the final statement of accounts and bills is not ready.

In addition to handling the above, the Conference staff collected for and in behalf of the General Council, registration fees from those outside of California for full and part time amounting to $2,254.

Delegates from 42 states of the Union, from the District of Columbia, the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and from China, Japan, India and South Africa were registered. The largest delegation coming from outside of northern California was from Massachusetts, numbering 151. Next to that was Southern California, with 127. Illinois came third with 81; Connecticut fourth with 64; New York fifth with 55; Wisconsin had 53, and Michigan followed closely with 51. It is of note that there were 18 from China, 10 from Hawaii, 6 from Japan, and 2 each from Alaska, India and South Africa.

Californians may be pardoned for very mildly saying, "I told you so." As recently as January there were those who thought we could not have a representative attendance on the west coast. But it has turned out to be one of the largest Councils in the history of the denomination. Again, as recently as June doubts were expressed as to whether we could adequately take care of the Council in Berkeley. From every side the word has come that the facilities for the Council and the entertainment of the delegates surpassed anything that has previously taken place.

Not only did all our churches cooperate in a splendid way, but the gratitude and appreciation of us all go to Dr. Loper and the members of the Berkeley Church that furnished so much of the planning, the organization, the staff of workers. This is not to overlook the help of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, the City of Berkeley, and the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County. The Berkeley "Daily Gazette" and other daily papers furnished splendid publicity, and several radio stations gave their listeners addresses of Council speakers.

Yes, a Bit Better

A last-minute call before the General Council meeting, for remittances from treasurers, brought a response which went far toward offsetting serious losses during the early part of the summer. The result is that for the first eight months receipts for benevolences are practically even with the corresponding period a year ago. Now, with the inspiration of the General Council, and with its obligations well cared for, we must turn our thought for the remaining four months of the year to bringing our missionary gifts to a higher level.

	June 1 to Jan. 11 to Jan. 11 to		
	8-31-40	8-31-40	8-31-39
Adin	$ 6.25	$ 13.75	$ 22.10
Alameda	5.00	241.56	213.15
Alturas	.....	10.58	28.30
Angels Camp	35.00	68.75	65.75
Antioch	.....	22.50	15.00
Auburn	.....	.....	60.00
Benicia	.....	5.00	.....
Berkeley, First	1381.48	3380.27	3078.15
North	136.71	309.41	302.85
Park	18.00	29.60	31.07
Campbell	50.00	100.00	112.00
Cedarville	100.00	100.00	.....
Cloverdale	11.04	40.52	54.15
Cotati	10.00	42.50	21.50
Crockett	12.50	20.02	38.30
Eureka	78.00	281.49	241.52
Fairfax	.....	.....	12.50
Ferndale	83.21	146.26	144.81
Fresno, First	262.13	537.01	279.89
Pilgrim	5.10	125.10	107.50
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	10.00
Guerneville	2.50	6.50	9.00
Hayfork	.....	10.00	3.00
Hayward	.....	50.00	50.00
Kenwood	.....	5.30	.....
Lewiston	.18	.18	.....
Lodi, First	340.00	743.00	655.50
Loomis	4.70	28.25	12.98
Martinez	49.91	135.28	164.56
Murphys	15.00	77.50	60.00
Niles	8.00	8.00	.....
Oakland, First	1259.98	2936.62	3116.82
Fruitvale	14.00	34.00	21.00
Pilgrim	3.00	20.58	26.00
Plymouth	178.77	482.11	517.69
Oroville	18.62	43.54	24.60
Pacific Grove	53.25	128.75	191.22
Palo Alto	.....	511.00	946.63
Paradise	50.00	150.00	105.90
Penngrove	4.00	9.64	4.84
Petaluma	20.55	298.75	356.79
Pittsburg	20.03	89.45	115.00
Port Chicago	.....	.....	6.00
Porterville	.....	155.00	130.00
Redwood City	183.60	382.98	462.93
Rio Vista	.....	37.50	60.00
Ripon	38.44	108.76	92.47
Sacramento	185.62	448.88	396.81
Salida	.....	2.00	.....
San Carlos	13.44	66.11	48.97
San Francisco, Bethany, Msn. Park	88.64	189.04	79.91
Calvary	.....	.....	20.00
First	468.10	939.03	995.05
Ocean View	.....	25.00	8.89
Richmond	50.00	50.00	.....
San Jose	168.50	438.50	435.00
San Leandro	15.25	58.91	50.05
San Lorenzo	.....	.....	10.00
San Mateo	43.59	299.60	272.88
San Rafael	7.73	27.73	15.00
Santa Cruz	160.00	505.00	521.10
Santa Rosa	25.42	126.29	111.35
Saratoga	83.34	183.96	234.56
Sebastopol	38.02	105.43	121.59
Sonoma	19.60	59.60	66.85
Soquel	37.00	69.65	50.00
Stockton	198.73	400.87	251.95
Suisun	.....	41.33	35.40
Sunnyvale	.....	3.56	.....
Sunol	.....	.....	20.00
Tulare	.....	169.00	185.00
Weaverville	21.00	65.60	84.29
Woodside	.....	20.00	.....
Reno, Nev.	154.05	280.32	259.54
Miscellaneous and Individual	112.53	1287.03	1714.76
	$6348.61	$17,789.45	$17,960.06

The Young Adult Conference was held at Loma Mar, August 31 to September 2, with thirty-five in attendance. On the faculty, besides the president, Raymond Foote, were Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto, Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, and Dr. Hachiro Yuasa.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Rev. Vernon Cooke of Rhode Island, a lifelong friend of the pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, preached two Sundays in August. After a vacation the Sunday School has been reopened.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler, formerly of Biola, and more recently of Fort Morgan, Colorado, has been called as pastor of this great church and has taken up his work .

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Rev. Jas. D. Salmon has been supplying these churches since the first of August. On the first Sunday of September he was called as permanent pastor.

NILES. Rev. R. C. Day, pastor, reports that on Whitsunday nine new members were received, five by letter and four on confession of faith.

HAYWARD. Rev. Godfrey Matthews, pastor, exchanged pulpits during vacation with Rev. William Forshaw of La Jolla.

CALLAHAN. The church and Sunday School are growing in attendance, and the building has been wired for electric lights.

WOODSIDE. Rev. Burton M. Palmer, pastor. Five new members were received by letter at the September communion.

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. H. S. Mahood was the baccalaureate preacher at the Santa Cruz High School commencement in the early summer.

GUERNEVILLE. Vacation schools were conducted by Mr. James P. Senter, at Guerneville and Monte Rio.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Williston Wirt of Eugene, Oregon, and well known in Northern California, by Willamette University at the June commencement.

Universal Bible Sunday, sponsored by the American Bible Society, has been set for December 8. The Society will be more than happy to furnish materials for services of worship on that day.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Without doubt the most important action taken by the Conference was the serious adoption of the recommendation of the Board of Directors, which came after very careful discussion, calling upon our churches for an increase in benevolence giving of not less than 12¾%, and urging them to accept visitation by committees of the Board of Directors to discuss the whole subject with the local trustees.

The Conference accepted the ministerial standing of the ministers of the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley Associations which had been transfered by action of those Associations earlier in the year. All but three Associations have now deposited ministerial standing of their members with the Conference.

Invitations for the 1941 session were presented by Grace United Church of San Francisco and by First Church of Stockton. The Stockton invitation was accepted, but with sincere appreciation of the invitation of Grace Church.

The hostess church provided the dinner on Monday evening, and otherwise furnished the necessary physical equipment for the comfort of the delegates and the convenience of the meeting, and was enthusiastically thanked by the adoption of resolutions.

ALTURAS Rev. Everett L. Spuller was finally persuaded to accept the pastorate of the new Federated Congregational and Baptist Church of Alturas. The beginning of his work has been delayed by reason of the illness of Mrs. Spuller but will open shortly. Under the leadership of the Spullers the work in the great Modoc empire is destined to go forward strongly.

RENO, NEVADA. Rev. William Moll Case preached the baccalaureate sermon at the University of Nevada, and a predecessor in the Reno church, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, gave the commencement day address. As a celebration of their own wedding anniversary, all the couples living in Reno and vicinity who have been married by Dr. Case were invited to the services on June 30.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. During the absence of Rev. Robert W. Inglis on vacation, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Eldon Ramige of Lewiston, Idaho. On the Sunday prior to General Council the pastor's brother, Rev. Ervine P. Inglis of Webtser Grove, Mo., was guest preacher. The average attendance at morning church services for the first five months' period of 1940 was 252.

SUNNYVALE. Two adults recently united with the church on confession and two are soon to come. Several others are in prospect. The church is harmonious and optimistic. A portion of the building has been reroofed and the entire structure will soon be painted. A vested choir of twenty-four persons furnishes music. Rev. J. K. Ballou is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dickey are back after a pleasant vacation spent in Portland, Oregon. At Murphy a new concrete walk has been laid from the front steps of the church to the entrance of the social hall. On one Sunday the pulpit at Angels Camp was occupied by Rev. Glenn Corbin, former pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN. The Rev. M. G. Papazian has begun his work as ad interim pastor, and he and Mrs. Papazian are making their home in the vicinity of the church. The church has indicated its desire to carry forward for the rest of 1940 without missionary aid.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Rev. Williston Wirt of Eugene, Oregon, was the preacher on Council Sunday. Eight young people went to Loma Mar Conference No. 1, and took a service to give their report. New church hymnals have been sceured. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

CAMPBELL. Five committees, of six members each, are working on the first year's projects of the Program of Progress. By reporting to the whole church it is hoped that the loyalty of the members may be secured. The exterior of the church has been painted. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

MARTINEZ. The Pilgrim Fellowship group, recently organized, have adopted a constitution and elected officers. Rev. Verdette Walters, the pastor, welcomed an old time friend to the pulpit on Council Sunday, Rev. Walter H. Upton of Davenport, Iowa.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. Sherwood Wirt, first year student at the Pacific School of Religion, has accepted the pastorate of the Port Chicago church and has been at work during a large part of the summer. New interest is being manifested in all departments.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

TRINITY COUNTY. The churches of this far flung area and the Conference office are rejoicing in the coming of Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Bennett. His work began September 1. Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Otterbein College and Oberlin Theological Seminary. He had a number of prominent pastorates in the middle west, including Lorain, Ohio; Council Bluffs and Atlantic, Iowa.

For a number of years he has done educational work in the southwest and holds the highest teaching credentials. More recently he has been engaged in work for the Methodists in New Mexico.

He was present at the State Conference and the General Council and made a very favorable impression upon the large number who met him, and renewed acquaintances with Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Charles E. Ward, whom he knew in Oberlin. He is undertaking the work of Trinity County with great interest, and plans to put in a number of years in the hardest and most fruitful work of his life thus far.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. and Mrs. Vere V. Loper, after attending the 25th anniversary of their graduation at Grinnell College, spent several weeks vacationing in Michigan before returning for the intensive preparation and carrying through of the General Council entertainment. New Pilgrim Hymnals in sufficient number for the church have been provided. Mrs. Arnold Nash will give a series of four lectures on Sunday mornings to the College of Life, on "Marriage and the Modern Home." Ten new members were received into church fellowship on September 1.

SEBASTOPOL. This church, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, sent seventeen boxes of Gravenstein apples for free distribution to the delegates of the General Council. (Fruit was also furnished for the laymen by the Fresno Chamber of Commerce). Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pastor, now possesses credentials testifying to his activity in the Boy Scout movement since 1910. He is one of five in California and one of 86 in the whole United States having this record.

BERKELEY, NORTH. At the communion service, before vacation, sixteen new members were received into fellowship. Rev. P. Pierson Parker, the pastor, was on the faculty of two young people's conferences; he served as moderator for the State Conference and chairman of ushers for the General Council. Not long ago he received a very informing letter from Madam Chiang Kai-shek, appreciating the letter of encouragement and sympathy from the church.

SARATOGA. Quietly but effectively, through the summer weeks, the campaign for funds has been pressed with the result that $5500 of the needed $10,000 is in hand or in pledges. With the reopening of school and the return of vacationists, efforts for completing the raising of the cost of the new Sunday School wing will be pushed to a successful conclusion. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

RIPON. Rev. Robert A. Bentley was director of the Central Area Young People's Conference at Lakewood. Two members of the Ripon church assisted, one serving as dean of girls and the other as tent counselor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. After a number of months without pastoral leadership, and during which laymen effectively had charge, the church has called to the pastorate Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi.

REDWOOD CITY. The Church and Sunday School continued during vacation with proportionately good attendance under the general direction of Chairman of Deacons Walter Bradford. Four clergymen, including a former pastor, Dr. R. J. Currie, served as supplies during July. Several minor projects of furnishing and lighting are under way, to make a more attractive series of meeting and class rooms. Special attention will be given to the musical setting for each service, including private training for the young singers. Charles H. Ward was elected High School Representative for Northern California to the recent Mills College Conference; he has also been elected President of the West Bay Group of Pilgrim Fellowship. The Women's Guild will be host during September to the Fall Rally of the Santa Clara Valley Association of Congregational Women.

EUREKA. Rev. Charles H. Hudson again opened his camp near Miranda to various city and church groups. It is in an attractive grove of trees on the Eel River, and little by little substantial improvements are being made. A benefit concert, netting $63.27 for Red Cross, was given in the church one evening in June. Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller and a team of speakers visited Eureka and Ferndale the early part of the summer, resulting in an increase of interest in the projects which are being sponsored by the Federation. The church is looking forward to the celebration of an anniversary in October.

LODI. Rev. A. R. Boone, the pastor, and six young people attended the Lakewood Conference. Between forty and fifty were in attendance at least part of the time at the state Christian Endeavor Convention in Sacramento, and the church was represented by one delegate at the Zephyr Point Conference. Eighteen persons attended the General Council in Berkeley. During the pastor's vacation the Comrade Class conducted one morning service, and there were two visiting ministers, Rev. J. D. Schmidt of Newton, Kansas, and Rev. A. Ralph Linn of Granite City, Illinois.

SAN CARLOS.. During the vacation of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, the pulpit was supplied by the former pastor, Rev. Reed B. Cherington. The old church building has been moved to the rear of the new lot, and foundations and additions are in progress which will ultimately make the social hall and education building. A chapel is to be erected later. The members and immediate constituency have raised to date a total of $2400.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord began his work at this united church shortly after July 1. A very large and enthusiastic reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord on July 19. The guest preacher on General Council Sunday was Rev. Karl Knudsen of Plymouth, Mass. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, who served the church for a number of years, is now pastor in Bakersfield.

SALIDA. Perhaps the largest attendance at the General Council, in proportion to membership, came from this little church, where the pastor, Mr. Lewis Presnall, made it a point to try to get every member to come. Some twenty actually were present at one time or another.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. Guest speakers made it possible to have church services regularly, even during the vacation of the pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. M. G. Papazian brought to a close his very significant ministry of 26 years in the church on July 31. A dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Papazian was held on July 26. Many were turned away for whom there was no room. Addresses of respect and affection were delivered by representatives of every department of the church, loving cups were presented to the pastor and his wife, and also other beautiful gifts. Superintendent Gill carried the greetings of the Conference. On the same occasion Rev. and Mrs. H. Adadourian were welcomed. Mr. Adadourian has had outstanding pastorates in the Near East and America. He will carry forward the work of this church for such time as is necessary until a new pastor can be secured.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Mr. Dan Wilson, who served as director during the last school year and who spent the summer with the Friends Peace Service Committee, has been called to a fulltime position in the offices of that movement in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dimock, students at the Pacific School of Religion, have been secured to take over the work at the Fellowship House. THE PACIFIC readers will remember that Mr. Dimock was formerly in boys' work at Grace United Church in the Mission, and Mrs. Dimock is the daughter of Rev. Ralph C. Waddell.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. During August, at the Wednesday evening service, the sermons preached on the Sunday previous were studied. Mr. Orr renders almost constant service to a large number of organizations. In recent weeks we noticed his name in connection with the Goodwill Industries, California State Fraternal Congress, the Fruitvale Aerie of Eagles, the G. A. R., the Foothill Masonic Lodge, the Townsend Club, Healds College, the Fruitvale Businessmen's Association, and many others.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. On General Council Sunday Superintendent E. Merle Adams of Nebraska was pulpit guest. The parsonage of the church has been put in order and a new tenant secured. During the summer the church made it possible for Byron Eshelman, the pastor, to give full time to the work, but he has now reentered the Pacific School of Religion. An elaborate celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the church is being planned.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE.. On General Council Sunday the guest preacher in the morning was Dean Vaughan Dabney of Andover-Newton Theological School, and in the evening several friends of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce spoke. The choir of City Temple furnished the music at the vesper service on Treasure Island, at which the Rev. Warren W. Pickett of Detroit was the preacher.

SOQUEL. As THE PACIFIC goes to press word comes of the death of Mr. Frank Heath, husband of the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath. The Pacific hopes to publish something further about Mr. Heath's life and work in the next issue. In the meantime deep sympathy is extended to the wife and children.

ALAMEDA. Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland visited New England during the summer, where Dr. Cleland was formerly pastor. During his absence the pulpit was occupied by Professor C. C. McCown, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, and Mr. Ford Samuel.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Rowland B. Dodge recently resigned his leadership of the Alpha Delta Club, which he organized fifteen years ago. This Club, made up of young men of high school age, in addition to valued Sunday meetings, has made frequent trips to leading industrial concerns to study various lines of business. Mr. Dodge was presented with a handsome red letter volume, prepared by Stanford University Press, containing tributes from scores of young men who have been members.

Five missionaries of the American Board, en route to China, were entertained at a barbecue luncheon by Dr. Lois Todd and a reception by Mrs. Robert Kirkwood. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. Information coming in too late for the June issue of THE PACIFIC brought word that Rev. John H. Gregg had delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the Junior College and High School graduating classes. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg spent their vacation with relatives in Southern California, except for the time in attendance at the General Council. Twenty-four young people attended the Sequoia Young People's Conference, which brought the attendance plaque home for the second year. During July church services were held at nine o'clock instead of at eleven. The church cooperated in the community vacation school, which enrolled 150 children.

FAIRFAX. Mr. William W. Meyer, recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Meyer have taken up their residence and work in Fairfax. Among the projects now outlined are a community religious census, using reply postcards, to all on the voters' lists, except those definitely known to be Catholic. Rally Sunday will be observed on September 15. Exellent publicity has been given in the local papers. Mr. Meyer will also preach once a month at San Quentin prison, at least for the time being.

STOCKTON. Due to a serious accident, the contractor who was engaged for the job of remodeling was unable to get under way until late in August. While the completion of the project will be delayed a number of weeks, it is expected that the plant will be completed before Christmas, much to the delight of the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, and his faithful workers.

PITTSBURG. This church was represented by two delegates at Zephyr Point, nine at Lokoya, and one at the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council at Mills College. On the last Sunday of August these young people had charge of the entire service, giving reports. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The regular monthly meeting of the Federation will be held as usual in the First Church, Oakland, on Thursday, September 19. There will be reports from the Asilomar Conference. The Fall Meeting of the Federation will be held in the Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, on Thursday, October 17.

FALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Fall Association meetings for women, to be held during September, with exact dates are as follows:

Upper Bay Association: At Martinez, September 10.
Redwood Empire Association: At Santa Rosa, September 12.
Santa Clara Association: At Redwood City, September 18.
Central Association: At Murphys. Date not yet set.
Sacramento Valley Association: At Paradise. Date not yet set.
San Joaquin Association: At Tulare, October 1.

In connection with the various September Association meetings, special attention will be given to a discussion o the new manual, "The Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women." This furnishes an excellent guide and inspiration for our workers. One copy will be furnished free to each church; other copies are obtainable for the nominal price of five cents each.

BRIEF AUGUST MEETING AT COUNCIL

Due to the meeting of the General Council, there was not the usual Federation meeting in August. However, on the regular third Thursday the women all met for luncheon, served by the women of the Trinity Methodist Church—a very delicious one—and aterwards held a brief business meeting.

We greatly regretted the necessity for accepting two resignations: that of Mrs. H. N. Hobert, the efficient Association President of the Sacramento Association;and that of Mrs. E. E. Vehrs (formerly Bay Association President) as charman of the Speaker's Bureau. Mrs. Hobart is moving to San Diego; she will be succeeded by Mrs. A. V. Dunn, acting until January next. Mrs. Vehrs is leaving this locality.

Mrs. E. E. McClintock, Secretary of Women's Work on the Missions Council was introduced and gave a word of greeting. She spoke to all the women at a later meeting.

SOME COUNCIL ECHOES

The General Council provided for three Women's Sessions: a Pre-Council meeting emphasizing discussion of practical methods; a meeting on Saturday considering Social Responsibilities of Church Women; a meeting on Sunday on the theme "Christian Womanhood Around the World." Lunch was served at the Berkeley Women's City Club on Tuesday and Saturday. Sunday morning there was a very beautiful service of communion for women, conducted by women of many lands.

It will be of interest to get the report of some of these gatherings as they impressed one of our most valued guests. I quote from a letter of Mrs. E. E. McClintock to the Women State Presidents:

"In spite of the difficulty of publicizing the pre-session working groups, 250 women atended and were enthusiastic about the practical help received. 'Strengthening the Work in the Local Church' drew the largest number, but all were well attended.

"Miss Lucy Eldridge, speaking on the Church woman and her Family (in the Saturday session) challenged us with our responsibility to open up opportunities for Christian youth to move forward in thinking and action, not by interfering with youth leaders, but standing back of them.

"Sunday afternoon with 'Christian Womanhood Around the World' was an inspiring program. Starting at home, with Miss Ruth Morton of the American Missionary Association, we went to India with lovely Ariam Paramasamy, to China with dynamic Helen Dizney, and back home again with our extension worker in the South, Phoebe Fraser. I am sure the high point for every woman was the communion service. It was held in (the Berkeley) First Church sanctuary, conducted by Mrs. Howard Anderson with such reverence and sincerity. Pastor Alice Kahokuoluna from Hawaii assisted (you should see her beautiful serenity and dignity). We were served by Chinese, Japanese, Armenian, Negro, and American women,—ministers and deacons all in black Geneva robes with white collars. Three hundred and fifty women communing together—not one of us can ever forget."

Incidentally, the Chinese, Japanese, and Armenian women who assisted in the communion service above referred to, came from our own Northern California churches.

Mrs. McClintock naturally did not speak of her own contribution on the theme of spiritual resources open to church women. She emphasized the need to find the will of God in disaster—a thought we should note today—and give us an arresting phrase: "Put this thing on the shoulders of God."

Northern California women will be delighted to look forward to a visit which Mrs. McClintock will make sometime during the winter of 1940-41.

From the standpoint of one woman, not the least of the benefits received from the ten August days was the meeting with those women whose names have been so often on our lips, but whose faces we had—most of us—not seen until then. Miss Mary Uline, Miss Helen Frances Smith, Miss Katherine Terrill, Mrs. Royal Whiting, Mrs. Wm. H. Medlicott, and Mrs. E. E. McClintock—we are richer for our personal touch with them, and with all that great company of women from forty-two of our forty-eight states who foregathered with us here.

PASTORS' BOOK CLUB TITLES

Titles which have been included in the Pastor's Book Club for 1940-41 are:

"This Nation Under God" (Holt).
"The Amazing Story of Repeal" (Dobyns).
"Personalities of the Old Testament" (James).
"Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal" (Douglas).
"Our Knowledge of God" (Baillie).
"The Flowering of New England" (Brooks),
"A Teacher and His Times" (Brown).
"Highland Shepherds" (Hewitt).
"Theology and Modern Life" (Essays).
"How Character Develops" (Kunkel).
"For the Healing of Nations" (Van Dusen).
"The Clue to History" (MacMurray).
"When Children Ask" (Bro).

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REV. HENRY P. REITER

News regarding the death of Rev. Henry P. Reiter, which occured April 25, 1940, did not reach THE PACIFIC until subsequent to the June issue. Mr. Reiter was born in Kantz. Russia, December 7, 1894. He was educated in Redfield College, South Dakota. Mrs. Reiter, whom he married in 1917, survives him, as do three children,—Mrs. Pauline Helzer, Herbert Reiter, and Geraldine Reiter. Mr. Reiter served two different pastorates with the Salem German Congregational Church at Sanger, and one pastorate at Zion Church. Walla Walla, Washington. He has been hopelessly ill for several years, and his going was a blessed release.

BUILDING SECRETARY VISITS

A number of Northern California churches have been especially favored by a visit from Mr. William Kincaid Newman of the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions, following the General Council. These include Stockton; Oakland, Pilgrim; San Leandro, Broadmoor; Niles; San Jose; Saratoga; San Carlos; and Fairfax.

HONORED

Governor Culbert L. Olson has appointed the Rev. Norman W. Pendleton to the State Relief Commission, to succeed J. Stitt Wilson, resigned. Mr. Pendleton has made a life long study of the social and economic problems underlying the relief situation.

THANK YOU, MRS. SADLER

One of the finest services that could be rendered to the American Board and a group of outgoing missionaries was cared for under the leadership of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, who, in spite of vacations of many people and pressure of work for the General Council, arranged for the entertainment in homes of a considerable number of missionaries, from the close of the General Council until their sailing dates.

REV. CLAYTON M. STREETER

Rev. Clayton Morris Streeter was born in Pike, Wyoming County, New York, June 12, 1867, the son of a veteran of the Civil War. He was educated at Pike Seminary, Bates College in Maine, Oberlin Theological School, and San Jose State Teachers College. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in 1894, but in 1901 came into the Congregational fellowship, and was pastor for three years at Royaltown, Wisconsin. From 1904 until 1919 he served four churches: Trinidad, Colo.; Lafayette, Colo.; Buena Vista, Colo.; and Woodland, Calif. He taught five years in high school and then retired, living in Santa Cruz until his death June 11, 1940. He was married February 7, 1894 to Cora Maria Holmes, who survives him. Four children were born to this union, three of whom are living—Miss Elsie M. Streeter of Santa Paula, Mrs. Harley Dodge of Woodland, and Morgan H. Streeter of San Francisco. While Mr. Streeter's ministerial service was brief in this Conference, he is remembered with affection in Woodland and among his ministerial brotheren as well as in the Santa Cruz Church, where for many years he was a devoted member.

REV. STEPHEN R WOOD

Rev. Stephen R. Wood, Lieutenant-Colonel and Chaplain in the United States Army, retired, passed away at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, July 19, 1940. He was born in New York on November 9, 1868. He never married, and no close relatives survive him, but for years he gave support to young men preparing for life work. He was a graduate of Pacific and Oberlin Theological Seminaries. He entered the U. S. Army in 1898, and his career included service in the Philippine Islands; Ft. Benning, Georgia; Langley Field, Virginia; Ft. Monroe, Virginia; and Ft. Balvoir, Virginia. Since his retirement, he lived at Walnut Creek, California, and was a member of the Martinez Church. Interment with full military honors was made in the National Cemetery of the Presidio of San Francisco.

Write to Superintendent Gill for details of an essay contest on "The Characteristics of a Christian Rural Community."

LAYMEN'S RETREATS

October 12-13—Laymen's Retreat, Lokoya.
October 26 - 27 — Laymen's Retreat, Marysville.
November 2-3—Laymen's Retreat, Saratoga.
November 9-10—Laymen's Retreat, Byron Hot Springs.
November 16-17 — Laymen's Retreat, Tulare.

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